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Reference E (WO 02/12083) is in the German language and includes an English language abstract on the cover page. This reference represents that it discloses an invention relating to a tube that comprises a tube body (3) and a tube lid (1) that are injection-molded one on top of the other from a plastic material and in a form fit while consisting of two different plastic components so that afterwards one can be pushed on the other in a form fit. The tube body (3) has a conically tapered collar (12) that ends in a rim (27) that encloses a pin (13) at a certain distance. Said pin is linked with the rim (27) via a weakened section that acts as a predetermined break line (16). The tube lid (1) encloses the tube collar (12) in a form fit and, at its proximal end, is provided with a sleeve (15) that can be pushed on the pin (13) in a perfect fit. By taking the tube lid (1) off and pushing it inversely on the pin (13) said pin is twisted off and the tube is opened. The tube lid (1) can be re-used in the normal sense of use in order to tightly close the tube. According to the reference, the tube body (3) is injection-molded first. Once the tube body has cooled off, the tube lid (1) is directly injection-molded onto the tube body so that the finished tube is ejected from the tool with the tube lid (1) already placed on top of it.

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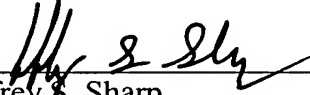
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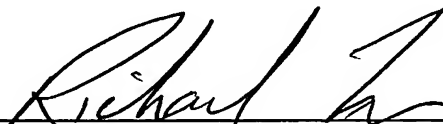
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